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HELPING CLIENTS GET THE FUNDING THEY NEED –
HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL!

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SCHOOLS

“For purposes of universal service support, schools must meet the statutory definition of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Section 7801(18) and (38)):

- **An elementary school** is a non-profit institutional day or residential school, including a public elementary charter school, that provides elementary education, as determined under state law.
- **A secondary school** is a non-profit institutional day or residential school, including a public secondary charter school, that provides secondary education, as determined under state law, except that such term does not include any education beyond grade 12.

“Schools operating as for-profit businesses or that have endowments exceeding \$50 million are not eligible.

In some cases, non-traditional facilities and students may be eligible.

LIBRARIES

“Libraries must meet the statutory definition of library or library consortium found in the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 (LSTA) (20 U.S.C. Section 9122) and must be eligible for assistance from a state library administrative agency under that Act.

“A library's eligibility for support also depends on its funding as an independent entity. Only libraries whose budgets are completely separate from any schools, including but not limited to, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities shall be eligible to receive discounted services.

Universal Service (USAC), Schools & Libraries, “Before You Begin”, 12/2017.



Questions?

We are Here to HELP!

As E-rate Consultants since 2006, we are able to help guide your school or library through this oftentimes complicated and confusing process. **Contact us TODAY!**

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Eligible Services: Category1 vs. Category2

Outsourcing Your E-rate

Is it right for you?

Is Erate confusing? Do you find the process complicated and frustrating? It does not have to be!

- We specialize in the Erate process – so you don't have to.
- We let educators do what they do best – teach!
- We develop strategies to help ensure that you get the maximum benefit from the program.
- We work with you and the SLD throughout the entire review process.
- Our fees are based on the amount of funding you receive/use.

**Contact Us
TODAY!**

CATEGORY ONE SERVICES

“Services used to connect broadband or internet to eligible locations, or services that provide the basic conduit access to the internet. Data Transmission Services and Internet Access are Category One services.

CATEGORY TWO SERVICES

“Internal connections services needed to enable high-speed broadband connectivity and broadband internal connections components. Category Two includes local

area networks/wireless local area networks (LAN/wireless LAN), internal connections components, basic maintenance of internal connections components, and managed internal broadband services.

DATA TRANSMISSION SERVICES AND/OR INTERNET ACCESS

“A Category One service type on the Eligible Services List. Includes broadband connectivity and basic conduit access to the internet. This does not include charges for

content, equipment purchases, or other services beyond basic conduit access to the internet. This service type also covers lit or dark fiber and, in special circumstances, self-provisioning of dark fiber.

ELIGIBLE SERVICES LIST

“An FCC-released annual list of the products and services approved for funding by the FCC under the Schools and Libraries Program.”

- USAC, Schools & Libraries, “Glossary of Terms”, 01/19

“Full access to telecommunications and information resources makes possible the rich teaching and learning that take place in schools and libraries. For these institutions to provide the high level of service necessary for their students and patrons, the costs can be great.” (Universal Service SLD, 1997)



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